



**SCG/002**



## Publication Draft Braintree, Colchester and Tendring Local Plans: Section One

Statement of Common Ground between Braintree District Council, Colchester Borough Council, Tendring District Council

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Anglian Water Services Limited

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## **Statement of Common Ground**

1. This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared to identify the areas of agreement between Anglian Water Services Limited (AWS) and Braintree District Council, Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council as the Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) on matters relating to the LPAs Section 1 Local Plans and the representations submitted by Anglian Water Services concerning that document.

This Statement includes a table, which sets out the LPAs agreed response with Anglian Water Services to Section 1 of the Local Plan and lists the areas of the Local Plan that Anglian Water Services supports.

This Statement addresses all of the issues raised by Anglian Water Services in the representations listed in the table. There are no unresolved issues.

### **2. General Matters**

The LPAs have worked with Anglian Water Services on the development of the 3 North Essex Local Plans, the 3 Water Cycle Studies for Braintree (BDC050), Colchester (CBC0048) and Tendring (TDC/014) and the Integrated Water Management Strategy (IWMS) (EB/015) during the development of the Section 1 and Section of the Local Plans. In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations, Anglian Water Services has been formally consulted at every stage of consultation. The LPAs will continue to work with Anglian Water Services beyond the Local Plan adoption to ensure that new developments are supported by appropriate water supply, waste water and sewerage infrastructure to ensure compliance with environmental legislation and that Anglian Water's customers are protected from the risk of flooding.

Anglian Water submitted representations to Section 1 of the Local Plan during the Publication Draft Local Plan consultation period via the JDi Solutions Consultation Portal.

Anglian Water support Section 1 of the Local Plan in the following areas:

Anglian Water is broadly supportive of the guiding Garden Community principles embedded in policy SP6, particularly with regards to need for water efficiency measures and wastewater infrastructure provision.

The North Essex Authorities will continue to work with Anglian Water Services post adoption of the Local Plans, on the IWMS and during the preparation of Development Plan Documents for the 3 proposed Garden Communities.

**BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL, COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL AND TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL /ANGLIAN WATER SERVICES AGREED AMENDMENTS TO THE SECTION ONE - SHARED STRATEGIC PLAN**

<b>CBC Rep number</b>	<b>BDC Rep number</b>	<b>TDC Rep number</b>	<b>Local Plan Section or Policy</b>	<b>Summary of Anglian Water Services Representation</b>	<b>LPAs agreed response with Anglian Water Services</b>
S1.023/6299			SP6	<p>Anglian Water is generally supportive of this policy which sets out the general principles which will be applied to the North Essex Garden Communities. In particular we welcome the references made to the need for water efficiency measures and wastewater infrastructure provision.</p> <p>However it would be helpful if Policy SP6 also includes reference to water supply provision particularly given the scale of the proposed developments.</p>	<p>The LPAs supports the changes proposed to SP6 by Anglian Water Services. The LPA has recommended that the 10<sup>th</sup> bullet point of policy SP6 should be amended as follows: 'Include measures to promote environmental sustainability including addressing energy and water efficiency, and provision of appropriate <b>water and</b> wastewater infrastructure and flood mitigation measures; and'</p> <p>This change has been included in the Schedule of Modifications sent to PINS for consideration as part of the examination of the</p>

					Section 1 Shared Strategic Plan
6 S1.023/ 300			SP7	<p>Anglian Water is generally supportive of Policy SP7 but would wish to see the wording relating to water efficiency amended to make it effective.</p> <p>There will also be a need for consequential amendments to Policies SP 8, 9 and 10 for consistency with the changes as set out above</p>	<p>The LPAs supports the changes proposed to policy SP7 by Anglian Water Services. The LPA recommends that criteria (xi) of policy SP7 is amended as follows: '(xi) Secure a smart and sustainable approach that fosters climate resilience and a 21st century environment in the design and construction of each garden community to secure net gains in local biodiversity, highest standards of energy efficiency and innovation in technology to reduce impact of climate change, <b>the incorporation of innovative water efficiency/re-use measures</b> (with the aim of being water neutral in identified areas of serious water stress), and sustainable waste and mineral management.'</p>

S1.023/ 6301			SP8	<p>Reference is made to an upgrade to Colchester waste water treatment plant and off-site improvements to the foul sewerage network which is welcomed.</p> <p>It would be helpful to refer to the phasing of improvements to align the scale and timing of the proposed garden community given that development is expected to come forward after 2033.</p>	<p>The LPAs supports the changes proposed to policy SP8 by Anglian Water Services. The LPA recommends that policy SP8 is amended as follows:</p> <p>'Provision of improvements to waste water treatment including an upgrade to the Colchester Waste Water Treatment Plant and off-site drainage improvements <b>aligned with the phasing of the development within the plan period and that proposed post 2033.</b></p> <p>The LPAs also recommend the inclusion of the following text before Section F17 of policy SP8 for consistency with changes recommended to policy SP7:</p> <p><b>The delivery of smart, innovative and sustainable water efficiency/re-use solutions that fosters climate resilience and a 21<sup>st</sup> century approach towards water supply,</b></p>
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					<b>water and waste water treatment and flood risk management.</b>
S1.023/ 6303			SP9	<p>Reference is made to an upgrade to Colchester waste water treatment plant and off-site improvements to the foul sewerage network which is welcomed.</p> <p>It would be helpful to refer to the phasing of improvements to align the scale and timing of the proposed garden community given that development is expected to come forward after 2033.</p>	<p>The LPAs supports the changes proposed to policy SP9 by Anglian Water Services. The LPA recommends that policy SP9 is amended as follows:</p> <p>'Provision of improvements to waste water treatment including an upgrade to the Colchester Waste Water Treatment Plant and off-site drainage improvements, <b>aligned with the phasing of the development within the plan period and that proposed post 2033.</b></p> <p>The LPAs also recommend the inclusion of the following text before Section F18 of policy SP9 for consistency with changes recommended to policy SP7:</p> <p><b>The delivery of smart, innovative and sustainable</b></p>

					<b>water efficiency/re-use solutions that fosters climate resilience and a 21<sup>st</sup> century approach towards water supply, water and waste water treatment and flood risk management</b>
S1.023/6304			SP10	<p>Reference is made to an improvements to waste water treatment and off-site improvements to the foul sewerage network which is welcomed.</p> <p>It would be helpful to refer to the phasing of improvements to align the scale and timing of the proposed garden community given that development is expected to come forward after 2033.</p>	<p>The LPAs supports the changes proposed to policy SP10 by Anglian Water Services. The LPA recommends that policy SP10 is amended as follows:</p> <p>'Provision of improvements to waste water treatment and off-site drainage improvements, <b>aligned with the phasing of the development within the plan period and that proposed post 2033.</b></p> <p>The LPAs also recommend the inclusion of the following text before Section F17 of policy SP10 for consistency with changes recommended</p>

					to policy SP7: <b>The delivery of smart, innovative and sustainable water efficiency/re-use solutions that fosters climate resilience and a 21<sup>st</sup> century approach towards water supply, water and waste water treatment and flood risk management.</b>
S1.023/ 6335			Section 1	<p>Anglia Water recognises the significance of the Essex Garden communities to the North Essex area and the level of ambition that the authorities have for these developments have to be as sustainable and high quality as possible and that infrastructure needed to deliver them is delivered at the right time.</p> <p>We would welcome the opportunity to work with the authorities and developers both in relation to the provision of water and water recycling infrastructure and delivering an exemplary development</p>	<p>AWS support is noted.</p> <p>The LPAs will continue to work with AWS up to and after the adoption of the Section One Shared Strategic Plan for North Essex. AWS's input will also be key during the development of the individual detailed Development Plan Documents for the Tendring/Colchester Borders Garden Community, Colchester/Braintree Borders Garden Community and West of Braintree Garden Community. AWS will also be a key stakeholder in the</p>



				including innovation relating to increased water efficiency/re-use.	preparation of evidence for e.g. the Integrated Water Management Strategy (IWMS) and any other relevant evidence needed to support the development of the above Development Plan Documents.
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**Agreed by:**

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